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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to constitute Bharat Shiksha Kosh as a registered society;

(b) if so, the objectives and key features thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): The Bharat Shiksha Kosh has since beenregistered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 and launched on the 9th January, 2003.

The objectives of the Kosh are:-

maintaining / promoting quality in education and to establish centers of excellence / world class institutions; providing assistance to educational institutions including general, technical and professional institutions and providing / upgrading the infrastructure in both existing and new institutions;

promoting / undertaking scientific activities and research projects, in all areas, specially emerging areas; and undertaking such educational activities as the Society may decide from time to time in furtherance of the above objectives

Key Features of the Bharat Shiksha Kosh are:-

the Kosh permits sponsorships, under which any organization or individual can become the sponsor(s) of the educational development of a particular village, town, city or of a school, college or even a single child through the payment of a specified amount;

a school or college or any other institution or even a building or block thereof may be named after the sponsor on payment of a prescribed amount;

chairs, prizes, scholarships and research projects in educational institutions could also be instituted in the names of the sponsors;

funds from the Bharat Shiksha Kosh will be used to bridge the existing gaps and further educational development.